



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM
THE CAPITOL

June 20, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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We're working to bring Florida agriculture into the 21st century. The proposed merger can enable us to make great strides in this important effort. I urge you to support the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

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